CLAIM LISTING

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions in a mammal caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition consisting [[essentially]] of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a synergistic combination, said combination consisting of a C1, a C2, or a C3 alcohol or a C2, C3, or C4 diol having a concentration of 0.2 to 13.0% by volume in water, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the synergistic combination to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching, burning, or tingling.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, and 2-propanol.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said alcohol is ethanol.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an organic acid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said organic acid selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid and acetic acid.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an inorganic acid.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said acid is hydrochloric acid.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pH of said synergistic combination is 2.45.

10. (Canceled) .

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 1.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 2.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is Varicella-zoster virus.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is molluscum contagiosum.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is a preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray and aerosol.

17. (Currently amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions in a mammal caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition consisting [[essentially]] of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a synergistic combination, said combination consisting of an alcohol having a concentration of 0.2 to 13.0% by volume in water, said alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the composition to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid, acetic acid, and hydrochloric acid, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching, burning, or tingling.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the pH of said synergistic combination is 2.45.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus resides in the dermis or epidermis of a human or animal infected by said virus.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 1.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 2.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is Varicella-zoster virus.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is molluscum contagiosum.

25. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said composition is a topical preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray and aerosol.

26. (Currently amended) A method for the prophylaxis of lesions in a mammal caused by a virus of the Herpesviridae or Poxviridae family, comprising topically applying a composition consisting [[essentially]] of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a synergistic combination, said combination consisting of 10% by volume ethanol and 0.6% by weight glycolic acid, wherein the pH of the synergistic combination is between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said composition is applied during symptoms of pain, itching, burning, or tingling.